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Date Change for Enteral Nutritional Products SARs

Numbered Letter: 22-0805, concerning the revised policy for issuing authorizations for enteral nutrition products, indicated that as of September 1, 2005, providers would be required to obtain separate SARs for these products. This date has been changed to November 1, 2005, in order to allow both counties and providers additional time to obtain the required SARs and to prevent disruption of care for children requiring these products. In addition, we are in the process of obtaining information on specific product quantities, NDC numbers and other information that will facilitate the issuance of SARs for these products. We will be posting this information on the CMS web site in the near future.

Although the EDS system will not require a product specific SAR for claims with date of service less than the new November 1, 2005 date , the CMS Net system will have the products available on the Restricted Drug List after August 28, 2005. This will allow counties to begin to transition authorizations to product specific SARs. If you receive a request for a SAR for a product on the Restricted Drug List prior to November 1st it is acceptable to issue the SAR with the service begin date prior to November 1, 2005, even though the claims processing system will not require it for claims with a date of service prior to November 1, 2005. Issuing product specific SARs now will help prevent an ongoing six month cycle of requests for these products. When issuing the first product specific SAR, counties are encouraged to stagger the service end date of the SAR even if that means the initial SAR exceeds the six month period indicated in the Numbered Letter. Subsequent SARs can then be issued with the six month limit.

Some counties have already issued product specific SARs. There is no need to cancel or modify these SARs as claims submitted with them will process successfully.

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